

PATENT IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: K. Aratani, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/429,719

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FOR: THIN FILM FORMATION, USE SPUTTERING TARGET MATERIAL,

THIN FILM FORMED USING SAME, AND OPTICAL RECORDING

MEDIUM

CASE NO.: 9792486-0100

EXAMINER: R. McDonald

DATE: October 24, 2002

GROUP ART UNIT:

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2002, for three (3) months from July 26, 2002 to October 26, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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